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Somebody To Blame

Every failure needs a scapegoat and we see signs that Mr. Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is being prepared as the sacrificial lamb for the fiasco over Cuba. Whether intelligence was faulty at the time of the landings is a question that The News and Courier is not prepared to answer, nor are we especially disposed to ask it.

The facts about Fidel Castro's Communist leanings were known before he landed in Cuba. When he took to the hills with a force of a dozen men he could have been routed easily with firm support from Washington. During the fighting that followed it was obvious that Castro had full communist backing. One did not have to be a spy to recognize that Cuba was destined to become a Red satellite under Castro. The facts were all there and well known to the public as well as to "insiders." The fault lies in failure to understand and act on the facts.